

**AGENDA MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2005**

Committee of the Whole Meeting – None

CALL TO ORDER

President Crown called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute was led by Mr. Byers. Roll call, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded eight (8) members of Council present, as follows: Mr. Byers, Mr. Cindric, Mrs. Damits, Mr. Donovan, Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Sappie, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Crown. Also present were Mayor Hull, Manager Sample, Solicitor Wolfe and Engineer Minsterman. (*Absent: Ms. Koerbel*).

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the October 12, 2005 List of Bills. **COMMENTS:** Mr. Cindric, referring to a small charges for Carnegie Supply, asked if borough purchases could be from Crafton based merchants. Manager Sample advised that whenever possible they do go to Busy Beaver, but sometimes need to go elsewhere due to unavailability or being a specialty item.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0), with exception noted by Mr. Cindric (#404.31).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the August 24, September 14, and September 28, 2005 meeting minutes.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mickey Farrand, 177 W. Steuben Street – Mr. Farrand, speaking on behalf of the Crafton Celebrates Committee, read a prepared statement (copy attached to and made a part of the minutes), advising Council of the resignation of the entire committee, due to upsetting events related to the Crafton United Presbyterian Church and its minister, Rev. Bowen. He also commented that it is a sad day in Crafton to lose this community activity, celebrated in this fashion for 30 years, honoring and celebrating our nation, Independence Day and our community.

Kenneth Arbuckle, 59 Maplewood Ave. – Mr. Arbuckle, member of Crafton Celebrates, also commented on the events regarding the 2005 Fourth of July celebration in the park; that it has been a practice by the Committee to discourage distribution of political and other literature, which takes away from the intention of this family-orientated, G-rated event. He also commented on the un-Christianlike actions of Rev. Bowen and that Mickey Farrand's character had been besmirched by Rev. Bowen. He thanked the thousands of Crafton Celebrates volunteers and organizations.

Ken Asti and Vernon Smith, Boy Scout Leaders, Troop #147 – Mr. Asti and Mr. Smith indicated that rumors are that the Scouts will no longer provide the Scouting for Food collections to the Crafton United Presbyterian Church due to the controversy with Rev. Bowen and Crafton Celebrates. This is also stated on the Presbyterian Church's website. Mr. Asti and Mr. Smith wanted to assure everyone that this is not true and the collections will still go to our local food bank; being the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Crown stated his dismay at the loss of this longtime tradition and celebration, and thanked the volunteers for their dedication and hardwork. Mr. Byers applauded the Committee; and Council and audience members joined in the applause.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Minsterman reported that sanitary sewer repairs are underway, and the punch list of remaining items provided to the paving contractor is nearing completion.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Wolfe reported that there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting to discuss matters of current litigation and potential litigation. They have been working on the proposed sewer work financing, and that ordinances have been provided for Council’s adoption; one being for the PNC Line of Credit to fund projects until the PennVest funds are received, and the other being for the PennVest funds. Mr. Cindric asked for an explanation of the term “nonelectoral debt”. Mr. Wolfe stated the repayment of these debts would not be from tax monies; Mr. Cindric added that the debt would be repaid from users fees not taxes; i.e., through the Sewer Fund not through General Funds. Mr. Stewart asked why the difference in the dollar amount; PNC \$1,000,000 and PennVest at \$1,100,000. Mr. Wolfe explained that the PNC Line of Credit is not intended to finance the entire PennVest loan, but only to make available funds to pay the contractor while waiting for the PennVest funds are submitted to the Borough; with costs anticipated to be approximately \$800,000. or higher for the repair of the sewer defects.

OLD BUSINESS

None

BUSINESS AGENDA

FINANCE

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to adopt Ordinance No. 1571 authorizing the Borough to incur nonelectoral debt in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 through the issuance of a note to PNC Bank (Line of Credit).

Motion carried by a Seven (7) Yes, One (1) No (*Cindric*) Roll Call Vote.

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Cindric, to adopt Ordinance No. 1572 authorizing the Borough to incur nonelectoral debt in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 through the issuance of a note to PennVest.

Motion carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (8-0).

SET AGENDA BUSINESS-REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2005

No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Donovan, that this meeting be adjourned.

MOTION carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary